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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

January 1, TASMANIA, British str., 3,649, C. G. Perrins, Bomby 13th December; and Singapore 26th, Bills and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

January 1, FORTER, British steamer, 309, " Ashton, Swallow 1st December, General—DOUGLAS LARKE & CO.

January 1, GLENRIE, British steamer, 1,985, R. A. Donaldson, Shanghai 23rd December; Foochow 27th, Amoy 29th, and Swallow 21st, General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.

January 1, ZANIE, British steamer, 1,540, S. Basen, Singapore 24th Dec., General—P. & O. S. Co.

January 1, AMALIA, British str., 522, Th. Hamlin, Haining 28th December, and Pakhoi 30th—RUSSELL & CO.

January 1, FLINNIE, British steamer, 1,029, Doncaster, Shanghai 25th December, and Foochow 30th—General—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

January 1, ROYAL, British steamer, 1,042, MacKichan, Thames 1st January, General—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

January 1, FORTIS, American steamer, 1,504, Crook, Whinsea 1st January, General—RUSSELL & CO.

January 1, SIGN, German steamer, 334, Humber, Hull 30th December, General—SIEMENS CO.

January 1, HAMMIE, British steamer, 1,700, A. Chikuzaki 27th Dec., Coal and General—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

January 2, NAMAN, British steamer, 472, A. Garces, Helsing 30th December, General—A. RAYLT.

January 2, CARBOOKE, British steamer, 973, Cass, Newcastle 1st Dec., Townsville 14th, Cooktown 1st, and Thursday Island 18th, Coal—GILTINGSTON & CO.

(BARBERS.

AT THE HOUSE MASTER'S OFFICE.

## NOTICE.

PIRFUTURES.

January 1, FISHIE, British steamer, for Singapore.

January 1, HAONG, British str., for Holkow.

January 1, YANSE, British str., for Whampoa.

January 1, SAB, British str., for Haiphong.

January 1, TAIPEI, German str., for Saigon.

January 2, HAE, British str., for Nagasaki.

January 2, SIE, German str., for Holkow.

January 2, CEN, Amr. bark, for Honolulu.

January 2, RAMPION, British steamer, for Swallow.

January 2, ZAO, British str., for Manila.

January 2, NAR, French corr., for Kelung.

January 2, VO, French corr., for Keling.

ASSERGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per Thomas, Esq., from London, for—Hongkong—Madame G. M. Bain, Schlesien, European married Chinese servant, Miss Challenor, Mr. Andrew Hennessy, Messrs. C. B. Tata, J. Camp, J. C. Blaize, M. P. Wardlaw, Rev. O. Chesa, Comdr. Bunsey, R. N., G. F. Watson, and others, from Bombay. From Paris, France—Mr. J. Abbott, 5th October. From Singapore—Mr. G. S. Wilson, Mr. J. E. Stockley, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. Mackay, from London. From Calcutta—Mr. Stockley, from Bombay—Misses Bell, John Mackay, Mrs. Menie, Blivins and servant, G. Matheson, A. Morrison, J. Macdonald, W. Stewart, and 2ines.

Gentlemen, from Shanghai, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Blair, Master and Miss Blair, Mrs. Schaefer, and 1,004 Chinese.

For Nanking, from Swallow—43 Chinese.

For Zanzibar, from Singapore—102 Chinese.

For Flinns, from Shanghai, &c.—1,000 Chinese.

For Nankin, from Haiphong, &c.—3 European.

For Amakita, from Haiphong, &c.—4 Chinese.

For Nanking, from Haiphong, &c

## NOTICE.

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ailers' bill, who sell only  
Provincial Sauces, Jams and  
Cakes & Blackwell, London.

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of Grocers and Others  
throughout the world.

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Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to "The Editor," not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 3RD 1885.

right be adopted here. There can be no question as to the desirability of our importance as a commercial centre being well understood in England. In the recent discussion on the defence of our colonial possessions, Hongkong appears to have been held of importance only as a coaling station for the fleet, and probably comparatively few persons at home have any idea of the immense volume of business constantly passing through this colony. In addition to the home trade, Hongkong has extensive business transactions with the United States, the Australian Colonies, Japan, Siam, Cochinchina, China, the Straits, and other places. What

the precise value of the trade carried on with these places may be no one can say. All that is possible is to form a rough idea from the amount of shipping entering and leaving the port. This state of things is hardly satisfactory. To know the exact value of the trade of the colony, and that of each particular branch of it, would be both useful and interesting. Trade statistics would be not less valuable than elsewhere, and how valuable they are estimated in other places may be estimated from the wide publicity given to them in the newspapers and the eagerness with which they are looked for.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday.

The French cruiser *Vulcain*, Captain Gigan, left here yesterday for Kuling.

The value of the Quonson imports from Hongkong during the year 1883 was £117,737, and exports £98,257.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamsen, Bell & Co.) inform us that the Shire Liner steamer *Bronzefish*, from London, left Singapore yesterday for this port, and with communications addressed to "The Editor," not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Commander R. M. Rawley, R.N., the new Assistant Harbour Master, arrived here on Thursday by the P. and O. steamer *Tessender* to take up his appointment.

The British steamer *Aberystwyth*, with about 150 men of the P. and O. rats arrived at Singapore on Thursday night, and was to leave for Hongkong yesterday.

We have received from the local agents (Messrs. Linton and Davis) a calendar for 1885 issued by the Sun Fire Insurance offices. The design is both unique and artistic.

The Agent informs us that the Pacific Mail S. C. steamer *City of Tokio* with the American mail of the 6th ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port today, the 23rd instant.

The P. and O. steamer *Persiania*, which brought out the last English mail, is one of the latest additions to the Company's magnificent fleet, and is a very fine vessel fitted with all the latest improvements. A description of the ship published when she was launched, has already been reproduced in our columns.

Among the passengers by the P. and O. steamer *Dragon Star* on Thursday last, in honour of the anniversary of the birth-day of the Empress Regent.

The Royal Yacht Society's Medal has been presented to Sir J. C. Casement, Her Majesty's ship *Dartmouth*, for saving P. Magno, at Amoy in August last.

A sleep in charge of two men who were endeavouring to rescue nineteen Chinese from Vice-royal into Washington territory, has been capsized. All on board were drowned.

M. Fiasseky, the Russian traveller, is about to undertake another expedition to China, with the Emperor's approval. The expedition will be under the patronage of the Grand Duke Vladimire.

The French Government, now commencing to arrive out here, on the 19th Dec., with 300 reinforcements to Canton, will be accompanied by a force of 400 men from the 3rd regiment of Dragoons, and 200 men from the 1st and 2nd regiments of cavalry, to assist the French in their operations against the rebels.

The British Ambassador to China, Captain A. Martel, from Toulon, and Phillippe and A. Martel, from Paris, will be present at the opening of the 1st session of the National Assembly at Peking.

An interesting scene was witnessed at the Albergo Della Posta yesterday by the landing from the *Canton* of a Japanese troupe of 100 men, who were to perform at the *Teatro di Pechino*.

In another column is a letter from Saigon confirming the statements made by the correspondent of The Times concerning the engagement of the Chinese Emperor with the French Government, and the arrival of a force of 300 men from the 3rd regiment of Dragoons, and 200 men from the 1st and 2nd regiments of cavalry, to assist the French in their operations against the rebels.

It is stated that the question raised by the Chinese Ambassador to the Porte concerning the passage through the Dardanelles, has been decided in favour of the Chinese, and that the Chinese Ambassador has been allowed to proceed to Constantinople, and to remain there until the 1st of January.

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THE NEW GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY.  
LONDON, 11th December.  
Lord Rose has been appointed to succeed Sir James Ferguson as Governor of Bombay.

DOUGLAS LA PRAIK.  
LONDON, 11th December.

The Daily News this morning published a telegram stating that Don Carlos will shortly visit India.

TELEGRAPH FOR MADRAS.  
MADRAS, 11th December.

The company formed for the purpose of carrying out the tramway scheme in the city of Madras has been officially filed in London.

THE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

MADRAS, 10th December.

The December number of the Christian College Magazine has some smart strictures on Madame Blavatsky's critique on its first articles giving her letters. The editor hopes the matter will go into court, as it is by a judicial verdict alone that Madame Blavatsky can ever clear her character.

ON THE CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, 17th December.

The Ceylon croaking crew beat the Tarai Eleven in a running by 14 runs.

THE ASIAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

ATLANTA, THRU QUITTA, 18th December.

Our march through this district lies down and across a series of water-courses, which are fed by a regular system of irrigation, but the country has been entirely depopulated by Turcoman disturbances.

It is a common topic of conversation in the Mission that it should be the duty of England to civilize and colonize this fertile country herself, or to permit others to do so.

The soil is wonderfully rich and the temperate climate well adapted for Europeans.

The Governor of Herat passed through camp with 2,000 irregular troops to join Sir Peter Lawrence.

BURMAH NEWS.

RANGOON, 6th December.

An Armenian has been put on the stocks at Mandalay for impugning primitive. A few British subjects were beaten with hammers for breaking the law.

King Tae-hwan, with the view of restoring peace.

All letters arriving by post are now opened by the Prime Minister.

The King, having got hold of several Hungarian plaudits about the massacres, became violently indignant.

The Queen is sending her confidential Woot to India again for news.

The crops in Upper Burma are reported to be unusually good.

RANGOON, 6th December.

King Tae-hwan, against the advice of his Ministers, has made a convention through his agents in Europe, with a French Company to manufacture firearms in Mandalay.

Efforts are being made to find out Lord Dufferin's intentions.

RANGOON, 8th December.

The steamer *Corinthia*, with a cargo of rice from Monksong to the Straits, has gone ashore at the entrance to the Salween River.

The ground is very irregular and rocky, and fears are entertained that she will become a total wreck.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY, 2nd January, 1885.

OPUM.

Quotations are—

Malwa (New) \$30 per picul, alicc, none.

Malwa (2 years Old) \$45.

Malwa (3) " 50 " per chest.

Patna (New) " 50 " per chest.

Patna (Old) " 50 to 52 " per chest.

Banaras (New) " 50 " per chest.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.

Bank Bills, at demand " 361.

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight " 363.

Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight " 367.

Credits, at 1 month's sight " 371.

Documentary Bills, at 1 month's sight " 378.

ON PARIS.

Bank Bills, at demand " 450.

Credits, at 4 months' sight " 450.

ON BOMBAY.

Bank—Bank, 3 days' sight " 221.

ON CALCUTTA.

Bank, sight " 731.

Private, 30 days' sight " 731.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—112

per cent.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$349 per share, or div.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$64 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 255 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 134 per share.

China Insurance Company, Limited—\$175 per share, or div.

On the Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$371 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$324 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$67 per share.

Hongkong Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$32 per share.

Hongkong and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$34 per share premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—39 per cent discount.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—30 per cent discount.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—Par, nominal.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$30 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$120 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—103 per share, Sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—nominal.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$67 per share, Sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$142 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$110 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$22 per share.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$10 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 3 per share.

Hongkong Kaps Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—1 per cent, div.

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

SEE TO OTHER PAGE, 1885.

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## EXTRACTS.

## THE CARE OF THE SKIN.

The following capital lines, written by a high official to the French Consul, were forwarded in a London periodical of November 14th, 1874.—

There's skin without a skin within,  
A covering skin and a living skin;  
But the skin within is the skin without,  
Doubled inward, and carried completely throughout.

The paler the nostrils, the windpipe and throat  
Are all of them lined with this inner coat;

Whilst through every part is made to extend—  
Lungs, liver, and bowels, from end to end.

The outside skin is a marvellous plan;  
For ending the dogs of the flesh of man;

Whilst the inner extracts from the food and the air  
What is needed the waste in his flesh to repair.

Whilst it goes well with the outside skin  
You may feel pretty sure it's right within;

For if anything puts the inner skin out,

Of course it troubles the skin without.

The doctor, you know, examines your tongue

To see if your stomach or bowels are wrong;

If he feels that your hand is hot & dry,

He is ready to tell you this season why.

Too much whisky, brandy, &c. &c.

It's apt to disorder the skin within;

While, if dirty or dry, the skin without

Refuses to let the sweat come out.

Good people all, have a care of your skin,

Both without and that within;

To the first you'll give plenty of water and soap;

To the last little else besides water we'll hope.

But always be very particular where

You get your water, your food and your air;

For if these be tainted they rend your impure

It will have its effect on your blood, be sure.

The food which will ever for you be the best

Is that you like most and can soon digest;

All unripe fruit and decaying flesh

Beware of, and that is not very fresh.

Your water transparent and pure as you think it,

Had better be filtered and boil'd ere you drink it,

Unless you know smoky that nothing unclean

Can get to it over or under the ground.

But all things the most I would have you beware

Of breathing the poison of ones breathed air;

When in bed, whether at or home you may be,

Always open your window, and let go free.

With clothing and exercise keep yourself warm,

And change your clothes quickly if dress'd in a storm;

For a cold caught by chilling the outside skin

Fits at once to the delicate lining within.

All you who thus kindly take care of your skin,

And attend to its wants without and within,

Never need of obscure feel any fears,

And your skin may last you a hundred years.

## QUEER STORIES.

## A SUSPICIOUS ACCIDENT.

"Where on earth did you pick him up, John, and who is he?" inquired Lady Purpletone, her lord, referring to the latest addition to the large party of guests assembled at Drifley Hall for the shooting.

"Do you mean little Mr. Rosilia? I believe he is a Chilian; at all events, he was living at Valparaiso when I went there in the Foal last year. He was very civil, and I dined at his house once or twice. I invited him here in case he ever came to England. Of course, I never thought he would turn up," added his lordship, naïvely.

"You should be more careful, John," said his wife, reprovingly. "Mr. de Rosilia seems a very odd sort of person. He quite shocked old Miss Rosilia by his conversation."

"Oh! He is a foreigner. People will make excuses for him," said Lord Purpletone.

"Oh yes, there is no harm in him. I dare say he won't stay here more than a day or two."

Lord Purpletone spoke lightly, but he was secretly rather ill at ease concerning his guest. A man who seems to be a very good fellow on the other side of the globe is not necessarily a desirable acquaintance nearer home. Lord Purpletone was beginning to realize this. To be sure, Mr. de Rosilia was presentable enough, judging from externals. He was evidently not unacquainted with the usages of civilised society. He dressed well for a foreigner, and might even be called good-looking. He was a swarthy little man of middle age with a plump figure and a round, good-humoured face. His politeness was only equalled by the complete self-possession he manifested upon all occasions. An utter absence of self-consciousness, combined with rather alarming freedom of speech, and the animal spirits of a goutless schoolboy, rendered him an object of mingled curiosity and amusement to his fellow-guests.

Lord Purpletone was inclined to be strait-laced as a host, and he was more shocked than he would have cared to admit at the licence which Mr. de Rosilia gave to his tongue before the ladies. But the lively little gentleman never permitted himself to say anything which called for serious reprimand. He was innocently outspoken rather than ill-behaved. Lord Purpletone, therefore, concealed his discomfiture, especially as the ladies evidently treated Mr. de Rosilia as a person *grata* in this respect. Nevertheless, he longed for the day when his inconvenient guest should take his departure, and his impatience increased hourly. The fact was he suspected that Mr. de Rosilia's cheerful indifference to conventionalities was not the *worst side* of his character. The little gentleman conversed artlessly about himself and his private affairs whenever he could find a listener, and it soon transpired that he was a large speculator on all the Exchanges in Europe. He revealed, in fact, various little schemes which clearly showed that he was either a reckless adventurer or an insatiable gambler; perhaps a combination of both. These revelations were generally made in the smoking-room, and Lord Purpletone gradually observing that some of the male guests were, like himself, secretly horrified.

"Good gracious me! What next? It was an accident. The man could do a fool of himself; so much the worse for Ferris," said his lordship.

"An extraordinary story has reached me, John," said Lady Purpletone, looking distressed. "I hardly like to repeat it, but it seems to be generally known. Even the servants are talking about it. It is rumoured that Mr. de Rosilia shot Major Ferris at the instigation of Laura Fawthorpe."

"What!" exclaimed his lordship, quite astounded.

"I have inquired into it. Miss Baynor and Lady Ann Harrill both heard Mr. de Rosilia propose to Laura that he should shoot Major Ferris."

"No!"

"Yes, indeed. There can be no doubt about it. The conversation was plainly overheard."

"Where?"

"In the large conservatory, on the afternoon before the—the accident happened. Miss Fawthorpe and Mr. de Rosilia imagined themselves alone. In fact, I rather suspect," said Lady Purpletone, with a faint smile, "that my informants, hearing the young people come into the conservatory, were kind enough not to reveal their presence."

"You mean that they listened?"

"They, very seriously indeed," said his lordship, pacing up and down the room. "What?—what is the motive suggested? Why should the girl desire to have Ferris injured?"

"Revenge—pig—so they say. But I can't believe it of her," said Lady Purpletone, energetically.

"Do you think Miss Fawthorpe suspects this rumour?"

"She is leaving, and her hanper is certainly strange. She abruptly announced to me just now that she should return home this afternoon."

"Have you said anything about it to her?"

"No doubt; only it is very foolish of her," said Lady Purpletone, with a distressed air.

"What do you mean?" inquired his lordship, detecting some secret significance underlying his wife's remark.

"I believe she encourees Mr. de Rosilia's attentions in order to pique Major Ferris."

"He is the last man in the world to be trifled with like that. He takes everything as

grand seriose. Lately his manner towards her has been colder and more distant than ever."

"Oh, you are still thinking of your little matrimonial scheme, are you?" said his lordship, grinning.

"My dear John, I am not a matchmaker, as you know," returned Lady Purpletone, colouring slightly; "but I could not stand by and see two people drift apart like Laura and Major Ferris because she fancied herself slighted. Such a proceeding seemed altogether reprehensible to the girl, and the reputation of being passionate, not was she likely to be swayed by sudden impulses."

Unfortunately, the young lady's conduct after the accident certainly favoured the impressions that were entertained against her. She had shown symptoms of great distress of mind, which the nature of the wound made's injury by no means warranted. It seemed probable that she was suffering from remorse, and it was observed that she declined to speak or to look at Mr. de Rosilia after the unfortunate episode. On the other hand, she had carefully abstained from expressions of sympathy for the invalid, from which it was absurdly surmised that, while regarding her share in the catastrophe, friends of Laura had been moved to sympathy for the victim.

"Ferris is a queer, reserved sort of fellow, but I did not think he was such an ass that," remarked Lord Purpletone, yawning.

"You know perfectly well, John, that you would have acted as he has done in his place. I blame Laura more than I do him. She might have overcome his reticence by a little discreet encouragement. Instead of that she misunderstood the cause of his coldness. They have left strangers to one another."

When Major Ferris was able to leave his room, after a depressing period of drawn blinds and semi-darkness, he soon got wind of the story, and questioned his host about it.

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"I was referring more particularly to De Rosilia," said Major Ferris, changing colour.

"Do you think he did it on purpose?"

"Pop my word, I don't know," said his lordship, shortly.

"Can you give me his address?" inquired Major Ferris.

"I don't fancy he has such a thing," said his lordship, endeavouring to dispel, by a feeble joke, the ominous frown on his brow. "He is a bird of passage—he has to go to-morrow."

Major Ferris rather abruptly turned the conversation, and ended by saying, in a casual way, that he should have to return to town that night.

When he had left, Lady Purpletone remarked, rather apprehensively, "I should like to know what has taken him off so suddenly. I did not like the look upon his face. I am afraid he means mischief."

"Mischief—to whom?" inquired his lord.

"To 'Mr.' de Rosilia! I hope he will not fight a duel."

"If he did anything to Rosilia, he would probably horsewhip him. But, of course, Ferris wouldn't condescend to notice him, even if it were proved that he shot him on purpose," said his lordship, reassuringly.

Nevertheless, a few days afterwards, Lord Purpletone received a letter, addressed in Major Ferris's handwriting, and bearing a foreign postmark, he exclaimed, "From Ferris! He is on the Continent! By Jove! I hope he has not been fighting with Rosilia after all. Hello!" he added, after glancing rapidly at the enclosure. "Here, Jove! I think that Ferris is right, and that we've all treated the poor girl very badly. Anyhow, all's well that ends well. Your matrimonial project is about to be realised."

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